

REMARKS

The Office Communication mailed February 22, 2006 has been received and reviewed. Claims 1 through 21 are noted as pending in the Office Communication and are subject to a Restriction Requirement. Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 1-20, without traverse and without prejudice or disclaimer. Further, Applicants have presented new claims 22-29 depending from claim 21. Claim 21 has now been indicated as withdrawn. As indicated by the Examiner, Applicants specifically request rejoinder of claim 21 upon the indication of allowability of a product claim and Applicants further request rejoinder of claim 22-29.

For the species election, Applicants elect a proteinaceous substance wherein the proteinaceous substance is a human protein as in claim 10.

Notice of Non-compliant amendment

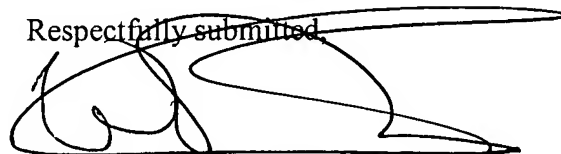
Applicants have complied with the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment of February 22, 2006. However, Applicants request clarification of the rules in light of MPEP 821 wherein it states that the Examiner withdraws non-elected claims pursuant to 37 CFR §1.142(b). Here, Applicants properly responded to the restriction requirement by making an election and the Examiner will withdraw the claims upon action on the merits.

Should the Office agree that the Notice was improperly issued, Applicants respectfully request an indication of such in the file.

CONCLUSION

If questions remain after consideration of the foregoing, the Office is kindly requested to contact Applicants' attorney at the address or telephone number given herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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